

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

Vote No on Number 5 the Chiropractic Initiative.—Certain groups of Chiropractors apparently believe that California can only be won by violence and that the violent will bear away the palm. The campaign for this purpose was outlined in "Fountain News," page 4, Number 34-35, published by the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. . . .

The proposed Chiropractic Initiative Measure which will be presented for vote of the people at the November general election, is loosely drawn and full of ambiguous provisions, which by subtle suggestion seek to lull suspicion as to the dangers that lie hidden in the verbiage. . . .

EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

From an Article on "Prehistoric Trephining of the Frontal Sinus," by Frank Albert Burton, M.D., San Diego, Calif.—For investigation and study, new and most interesting material has been made available through the establishment of the Museum of Man at San Diego under the direction of Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt, Director of the School of American Research. . . .

While studying the nasal accessory sinuses of the skulls in the Museum I came across one of undoubted trephining of the frontal sinus. This gave the incentive, and a careful search through the entire collection resulted in finding two more with trephine openings into the frontal sinus. The study of these specimens, as well as the review of the literature, was most interesting to me and believing it would interest you accounts for this paper today. . . .

From an Article on "Hookworm and Amoebiasis in California," by C. A. Kofoid, Professor of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California.—Two diseases of parasitic origin which may be expected to appear in the routine of any physician's practice in California are hookworm and amoebiasis. Both are infections primarily of the digestive tract and may be detected by faecal examination, though their symptoms are exceedingly varied, and, especially in the case of amoebiasis, may give no clue to the location and nature of the infection. . . .

From an Article on "Basal Metabolism in Thyroid Disease, as an Aid to Diagnosis and Treatment, with Notes on the Utility of the Modified Tissot Apparatus," by Albert H. Rowe, M.S., M.D., Oakland, Calif.—The minimal metabolic change resulting from the continuous organic functions of the body which are essential to life is termed the basal metabolism. This basal metabolism can be measured by a calorimeter either by the direct estimation of the heat produced in the body, or by calculating the heat production from the amount of oxygen used and the CO₂ given off as a result of the oxidation going on in the organism. . . .

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

By F. N. SCATENA, M. D.

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Board Proceedings

An unusually large number of examinees appeared for oral examination at the Board office, Los Angeles, on August 11th.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 1020 N St., Sacramento, from October 15th to 18th, 1945.

At the recent meeting held at the Elks Club, Los Angeles, the Board considered petitions for restoration of revoked certificates and also acted on twelve complaints for unprofessional conduct, several of which had been continued from previous meetings.

The Board of Medical Examiners at its regular meeting held in Los Angeles, August 13 to 16, 1945, took the following actions in regard to the status of licentiates:

Ferdinand M. Ferguson, M.D., was found guilty of habitual intemperance on August 15, 1945, and his license was revoked;

Milton Francis Novotny, M.D., was found guilty as charged in Order to Show Cause and his license was revoked on August 15, 1945;

Maurice J. Pullman, D.S.C., was on August 16, 1945, found guilty of alleged illegal advertising, under Section 2409 of the Business and Professions Code, and he was placed on one year probation;

Courtland Rothwell Sanborn, M.D., was on August 16th, 1945, found guilty of narcotic law violation, under Section 2391 of the Code, and his California license was revoked;

Bim Smith, M.D., was on August 15, 1945, found guilty of narcotic addiction under Section 2390 of the Code and his California license was revoked;

Roy Reginald Lessing Sturges, M.D., was found guilty on August 16, 1945, of illegal operation and his California license was revoked.

News

"Many a woman physician has been wondering during these hectic days on the home front when her services have become much in demand 'What's my outlook when the war is over and the men doctors come back and take over again?' An encouraging answer to this very natural query has just come from the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor as result of a survey of post-war opportunities for women in medical services. 'There never has been a time when adequate medical care was available to all the population,' the report states. 'Indications are that the increased demand in the postwar years for physicians of all types will more than offset the initial increase in the supply trained under the accelerated program during the war. General agreement is that women now studying medicine are likely to have greater rather than less opportunity than those who preceded them.' . . ." (San Francisco Chronicle, July 27, 1945.)

"Senator Sheridan Downey, D., Cal., today introduced a resolution to authorize the military affairs committee

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Dentistry, Temple University; Director of the Research Institute of Cutaneous Medicine; Formerly Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Cloth. Pp. 302. New York, London: A. Appleton-Century Company, Incorporated, 1945.

Four years have now elapsed since Florey and his colleagues first succeeded in isolating penicillin in relatively pure form and discovered its remarkable effects in the treatment of various experimental bacterial infections of mice. During that period American manufacturers have had striking success in its large scale production and purification for treatment purposes.

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Much is yet to be learned about penicillin in the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases, and especially in relation to its dosage and administration. Kolmer's book aims to give up-to-date and definite information.

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Excerpt from Correspondence: Well Deserved Tributes:
June 24, 1920.

To the Secretary:

I am enclosing you my check for fifteen dollars, also one-year note for fifteen dollars, covering amount for Indemnity Fund, Medical Society, State of California.

As you of course know by this time, the case of _____ terminated favorably for us and I wish to express my thanks to the State Society Defense in this case. I wish especially to show my appreciation of the very painstaking and thorough manner in which Mr. Morrow handled this case. It surely impressed me strongly with the thought that every physician in the State should be a member of this Defense Fund.

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Excerpt from County Society Proceedings:
Los Angeles County Personals.—Dr. Norman Bridge

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was reported ill at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, July 20th, according to a letter received by Dr. Millbank Johnson, a close friend.

Dr. Lulu H. Peters is now in Albania. During sixteen months of hard work she did not lose a day. She is at Elbassan as a Red Cross medical officer. Besides the clinics, Dr. Peters has charge of the organization of public health work.

In Serbia, the doctor served night and day among the thousands of typhoid cases. In Roumania she did important American relief work and through her the public learned the whereabouts of Queen Marie of Roumania. Dr. Peters next went to the malaria cases in the mountains of Albania. She will remain in Europe until her services are no longer needed in the war-ridden countries of Europe.

Doctors H. Bert Ellis and George H. Kress, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, have formed a partnership with offices as heretofore in the Bradbury Building. . . .

Medicine Before the Bench (Excerpts):

In this column will appear with appropriate comment, from month to month, court decisions and proceedings affecting the various phases of medical practice, the conduct of hospitals and the enforcement of public health laws.

Health Officer Upheld in Fight on Social Disease.—"Vice Isolation of Women Is Given Court Set-back" announce the heavy headlines of several daily newspapers. The story beneath these misleading headlines is based upon a minority opinion rendered by Justice John T.

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Nourse of the Appellate Court, in which Justice Nourse expressed minor views that Section 2979a of the Political Code is unconstitutional, the section under which the health officer must proceed to make effective the program of the government in stamping out venereal diseases and thereby saving future generations from their ravages.

Effects of Prolonged Malnutrition

Prolonged malnutrition is a much more serious medical problem than famine, because it leads to diseases of low resistance, the chief of which is tuberculosis, and to conditions which may take several generations to remedy.—Lord Horder, *J.A.M.A.*, May 6, 1944.